



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Appl. No. : 10/541,774 Confirmation No. 1671

Applicant : Pierre Barberis et al.

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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING A ZIRCONIUM ALLOY SEMI-FINISHED PRODUCT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF AN ELONGATED PRODUCT AND USE THEREOF

TC/A.U. : 4116

Examiner : Mark L. Shevin

Docket No. : 1298/10025; 569.1010

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 14, 2007, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following: